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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE - FEDERAL/STATE:



Trade sentiment was fully steady in the West, irregular, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail demand was mostly fair at best with few features aiding movement. Food service covered the full range. Supplies were at least adequate, less available in parts of the South. In the parts structure, wings remained seasonally strong with supplies well cleared. Breast items were mixed, mostly sufficient, but ample for boneless skinless, and dark meat was at least adequate. Trading was light to moderate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 61.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 58.50 cents last year on the 20th, October, 1999. Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	145.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00
LEG QUARTERS	29.50
WINGS	71.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 10/14/00	2000	1999
EGGS SET	169,727	164,192
CHICKS PLACED	135,152	132,538

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 170 million eggs during the week ending October 14, 2000. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 14, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through October 14, 2000, were 5.95 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 25-Nov-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 140.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 141.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 140.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 147.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.13 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN The market tone was fully steady with prices on early trading for next week mainly unchanged on regular commitments, at least steady on new negotiations. Offerings in close balance. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Floor stocks adequate. Breasts mainly steady, dark meat parts weaker.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was light to moderate with mixed trading. Supplies were in balance at times tight for needs. In the parts structure, wings were close balanced to short of an active call, breast items were irregular with boneless skinless long and discounted, but fronts less available and occasionally sought. Dark meat was usually adequate with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

MIDWEST Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Additional offerings of whole birds and Wogs were available for the very light trade needs. Retail demand slow to fair at best with scattered features attracting limited interest. In the Detroit area, retail feature noted on boneless skinless breast at \$1.79. Food service movement in a full range. Floor stocks adequate to ample with sizes desirable to occasionally light. Parts trading was good on wings, moderate on tenders and generally inactive on the balance of items. Supplies were heavy on boneless/skinless breasts and leg quarters with discounts the norm, whole breasts available and the remainder of items balanced to tight. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings, barely steady to weak on leg quarters and boneless/skinless breasts, and steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally light. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate, however, the 3.5 pound and larger sized birds were usually noted in a more available position. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts ranged adequate to available, and boneless-skinless breasts remained ample. Dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings continued to see active interest and were clearing well.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally fair and about as expected for mid-week trading. Offerings were sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were at least moderate, with weights mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 49 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. Supplies of boneless skinless breast were readily available and slow in clearing. Wings continued to clear satisfactorily. Other items were more than sufficient for trade needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	46-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.88
NO. OF BOXES	12,134

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	492	125.00-202.00	150-155	161.32
TENDERLOINS	145	220.00-255.00	-	224.83
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	110	70.00-76.00	-	72.50
LEGS	46	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	671	24.00-28.50	25-27	26.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,940	27.00-31.00	28-29	28.57
WINGS (WHOLE)	87	68.50-70.00	-	68.88
WINGS (CUT)	521	81.00-99.00	83-86	85.35
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 17, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE
47.00 - 52.25	49.32

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	488	150.00-202.00	150-155	151.99
TENDERLOINS	200	215.00-255.00	215-220	222.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	156	73.00-79.00	73-75	74.18
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	556	24.00-28.50	25-27	25.95
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,180	27.00-31.00	28-29	28.84
WINGS (WHOLE)	112	64.00-70.00	65-67	67.19
WINGS (CUT)	483	83.00-100.00	84-87	84.48
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCTOBER 18, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE	AVERAGE
47.00 - 53.25	49.48	49.42

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Midweek trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were ample and usually trading at discounted levels. Bone-in breasts were at least adequate to available. Wings remained the best item and continued to clear well, and the balance of items were more than sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light to fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to weak on boneless-skinless breasts, fully steady on wings, and no better than steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	133.63	711,620
TENDERLOINS	185-190	214.39	194,660
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	71.45	363,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	68.32	108,400
LEGS	35-36	39.05	315,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.48	690,661
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	35.23	220,500
THIGHS	27-28	30.30	232,820
B/S THIGHS	77-78	81.33	62,700
WINGS (WHOLE)	69-70	78.57	412,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	100,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.93	92,655
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	55.68	125,170

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	131.06	629,530
TENDERLOINS	185-190	215.16	137,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	72.32	337,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	67.91	198,000
LEGS	35-36	39.16	309,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.41	613,578
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	35.26	216,220
THIGHS	27-28	32.29	200,730
B/S THIGHS	77-78	81.84	59,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	78.36	420,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	116,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.60	98,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	55.54	124,340

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/18	10/17	10/16	10/13	10/11
ALA	3,873	4,009	3,895	4,039	5.09
ARK	4,965	5,185	5,214	5,036	5.00
DELMARVA	2,368	2,352	2,399	2,136	5.07
KY-LA-TN	1,960	1,942	1,634	1,859	4.37
MISS	2,838	2,859	2,832	2,805	5.18
NC	2,611	2,620	2,614	2,833	5.94
TEXAS	2,147	2,230	2,077	2,261	4.85
TOTAL	20,762	21,197	20,665	20,969	5.10
MON-WED	62,804	(A)		61,913	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Oct 00 is estimated to be 31,062,000 down 0.36 percent from a week ago and up 4.0 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 31,173,000; last year 29,857,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	72
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-94
	DRY PACK	102-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	94
DUCKS		149-165

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING OCT-21-00

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/21/00 (1)	10/14/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	

BRO-FRY	156,422 (2)	155,651
LT HENS	1,337	1,567
HVY HENS	1,834	1,501
CHECK TOTAL	159,593	158,719

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Oct-00 is 151.5 million head compared to 155.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.7 million head or 5.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 28-Oct-00 the estimated available is 151.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 16-Oct-00	157,364	76,191
AM 1-Oct-00	156,571	69,164
CHG	793	7,027
PCT CHG	1	10

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/16/00	10/9/00	10/19/99	10/16/00	10/9/00	10/19/99
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	19,350	19,562	28,187	9,578	9,675	14,735
	224	211	894	2,818	3,010	5,728

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 10/17/00

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	1.30	1.04	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.75	3.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.25	-
PULLETS lb.	-	1.70	-	PULLETS ea.	-	4.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.95	1.75	1.38	ROOSTERS ea.	6.00	6.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	.20	-	GEESE ea.	-	4.50	-
TURKEYS lb.	.50	.65	.56	TURKEYS ea.	3.00	9.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.70	1.35	1.02	DUCKS ea.	-	5.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.15	.94	RABBITS ea.	.75	3.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	2.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea	5.00	9.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.30	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	4.00	8.00	-
SILKIES ea.	1.50	2.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.60	-				

TOTAL COOPS 125

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 2000

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-65

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

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